he Afghanistan Engineer District of the US Army Corps of Engineers has three major program areas: the Afghan National Army (ANA) Program; the Coalition Forces Program; and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Reconstruction of Afghanistan Program. Additionally the Corps has several other humanitarian initiatives to support our State Department and the Afghan National Police.

Our geographic area of responsibility currently includes Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.

Office of Military Cooperation; Afghanistan National Army Program:

The Corps is spearheading a comprehensive infrastructure program for the reception and training of recruits, and subsequent stabilization of up to 70,000 soldiers of the ANA. Sites currently being constructed, and those completed since the start of the program, provide facilities for 41,000 troops at a cost of \$575 million. Additionally, the Corps is building a Military Entrance Processing Center as well as a soldier's hospital in Kabul.

The new bases are located in key areas such as Kabul (Pol-e-charki, Darualman, Kabul Military Training Center) Herat, Gardez, Kandahar, and Mazar-e Sharif. Combined, the instillations total 1,300 acres with more than 600 major structures. Currently, there are seven sites under construction.

Support to US Agency for International Development:

The Corps is aiding important infrastructure projects and helping with construction of primary, secondary, urban and district roads as well as bridges, schools, and medical clinics. We are also aiding and working on projects to develop irrigation systems through power, dam, and water studies.

Coalition Forces Program:

The Corps is providing facilities to support bed-down, administration, and base operations to US Forces in Bagram, Kandahar and Kabul in Afghanistan, K2 Air Base in Uzbekistan, and Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan. Assistance includes construction, rehabilitation, and refurbishment of facilities.

Department of Defense Programs:

• Afghanistan/Tajikistan Bridge:

The Corps is soliciting contracts to build a two-lane vehicle bridge with a pedestrian walkway connecting Afghanistan and Tajikistan, to promote economic development and commerce between the two countries. The bridge is expected to eventually carry more than 1,000 vehicles per day between the two countries.

• Rabia-e Balkhi Women's Hospital:

The only woman's hospital located in Kabul, The Corps awarded a contract to replace or repair the water supply, sewage system, electrical system and restroom facilities.

Afghan Police Program:

The Corps is providing engineering and construction support for counter-narcotics and law enforcement facilities across southeastern Afghanistan. Construction of these facilities will begin shortly.

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